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Service Over A Time-Slotted Access Channel

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Examiner,

Please consider the following remarks in response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2002. All pending claims have been reproduced in Appendix A below for the convenience of the Examiner. A marked up version of the claims is reproduced in Appendix B below. The Appendix A pages may be treated as substitute pages for the pages of claims in the present application.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5, 18-20, 27, 28, 32, 41, 48-50, 55, 56, 75, 61-64, 75, 87, 90, 92 and 94 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Nakano (U.S. Patent No. 6,442,149) in view of Raychaudhuri (U.S. Patent No. 5,638,371). Claims 7-9, 15, 42, 43, 66-68, 72, 76, 77, 88, 89, 91 and 93 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Nakano in view of